

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 873

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Allan Silvio Williams of Clarksville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Allan Silvio Williams; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was a prolific author and teacher, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, raised by his grandparents, who came to America from Italy in 1914, Mr. Williams served in the Navy in the South Pacific during World War II before beginning his career as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, he began his career at Austin Peay State University, where he taught in the education department until his retirement in 2005; during these years, he was active in several civic and volunteer activities, particularly Rotary Club, serving as district governor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was known to inspire his students with his immortal words, "If it is to be, it's up to me"; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement, Mr. Williams began writing booklets, eventually completing eleven of them, on topics such as the United States Constitution, Halloween, and Christopher Columbus; the booklets, most of them twenty to thirty pages long, include fact sheets, quizzes, and song lyrics; and

WHEREAS, always proud of his American heritage, Mr. Williams gave his booklets to friends, schools, and civic organizations for use in presentations on American history and holidays; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams served as the voice over the public address system at college and high school football games for several years; he also served Senate District 22 as State Executive Committeeman from 1982 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, Allan Silvio Williams was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Martha, and was the proud father of two sons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Allan Silvio Williams, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Williams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.